2 January 2018

To: The Chairman and Councillors of Faringdon Town Council

**DISTRICT COUNCILLOR’S REPORT - TOWN COUNCIL MEETING 10 JANUARY 2018**

1. **Vale Council**. At its meeting on 13 December 2017 council agreed:

1. **The Council tax base**. For the year 2018/19 the tax base will be 50,451.8 with the parish tax base for Faringdon given the number of dwellings as 3,438, being 2,735.3 Band D equivalents, less exemptions. The current Band D equivalent tax is £121. To calculate the council tax amounts per property band for the council, its council tax requirement is divided by Band D equivalent i.e. tax base.
2. **Community Governance.** The council would undertake a review every four years with changes agreed for implementation at the next scheduled parish elections. This rescinded the previous decision that a significant development proposal that sits adjacent to or straddles a parish boundary should automatically trigger a community governance review. This will mean a district wide review every four years, as a more structured and efficient approach, and a regular review.
3. **Management Structure.** To revise the structure into 8 service areas each reporting to a cabinet member as follows: partnership and insight; legal and democratic; corporate; planning; community; regeneration and development; finance; housing and environment.
4. **Planning Committee Rules**. To amend the constitution at paragraph 15 of the rules: no meeting shall exceed two and half hours in duration unless the committee, prior to the expiry of the period, voted for the meeting to continue to complete the item.
5. S**cheme of delegation for planning**. To amend the scheme: regarding ward councillors’ right of call-in planning applications for consideration by committee. The request must be in writing and deal with the planning issues to ensure that the audit trail for making the decision is clear and unambiguous.
6. **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**. To change paragraph 11.9 to read: “To deal with the recovery of the CIL including stop notices, liability orders and other enforcement mechanisms under Regulation 89 to 94 and 11 of the CIL Regulations 2010.”
7. **Joint Staff Committee (JSC) Procedure Rules**. To amend the following additional roles for the JSC: a. to appoint heads of service; b. approve sign off of probationary period of the chief executive; c. undertake development performance reviews; d. take disciplinary action against senior officers; e. make recommendations to the employment council in matters relating to senior officers.

2. **Planning - Brownfield Register**. The council published a Schedule of Sites to be included in the register. There are 29 brownfield sites with extant planning permission or decision pending e.g. P13/V0033/FUL Faringdon Tennis Club, Southampton Street.

3. **Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.**  The council continues to engage with the CCG which has identified four key priorities and 19 work streams to enable it to deliver those priorities.

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